

## POLICE ALLEGE PRISONER IS LOCAL FORGER

Man in Jail at San Francisco Accused of Passing \$2000 Worth of Bad Checks in This Vicinity—Also Wanted in California Towns

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Fred Ford is being held in the city jail here today, pending his return to Klamath Falls, where he is to face a charge of securing \$2000 from a bank by means of worthless checks. He is said to be also wanted in Oakland, Bakersfield and Salinas, Cal.

He said that the prisoner registered at a hotel here as Clifford E. Bush of Denver, who escaped four weeks ago from the state prison at Carson City, Nevada.

Inquiries among local banks and peace officers fail to identify the prisoner beyond question, but it is believed he may be the man who under the alias of William King, two or three months ago forged the signature of I. E. Kesterson to checks, which he passed upon the First State & Savings bank here to an approximate total of \$800.

The bank put the Pinkerton agency on the trail, but this afternoon stated that no report of any arrest had been received. Other banks reported that they had cashed no worthless checks recently, certainly not \$2,000 worth.

The Kesterson forgeries are believed to have been the work of a man who had access to the office of the Kesterson Lumber company at Dorris, through which he secured blank checks with the company's vignette on them and also familiarized himself with Mr. Kesterson's signature.

It is said that some of the checks also went through the banks at Grants Pass, McCloud, Cal., and other towns and the total might have reached the \$2000 mentioned in the above Associated Press dispatch.

It is quite possible that the Pinkerton operatives have landed their man and that the San Francisco prisoner may be the man who worked here.

The Kesterson forgeries are said to have showed expert work in that particular line of criminality. In fact, it is said, they were identical with the genuine signature and after the Grants Pass bank discovered it had been victimized with a forged check it turned down the next Kesterson check presented as one of the same brand, although it happened to be quite genuine.

## BOWLING SERIES ENDS TOMORROW

Tomorrow night sees the end of the Elks' bowling tournament. Noel's and Jester's teams will stage the final contest of the series that has aroused a great deal of interest among bowling fans and has developed considerable skill among the Elks who played on the various teams during the contests.

So successful has the present tournament been that arrangements have been made to start a new one next week. Last night Jester's team won from Swanson's squad. The score follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Jester's—				
Upp	150	147	151	448
Moore	101	110	112	323
Wright	214	171	182	567
Jester	192	218	179	590
W. O. Smith	211	147	199	557
	868	793	823	
Swanson's—	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Ackley	153	186	148	487
Melnsner	143	149	111	403
W. L. Smith	172	194	166	532
Lavenik	140	159	147	446
Swanson	133	166	119	418
	741	854	691	

## STRICT ECONOMY 1920 WATCHWORD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations for 1920 are to be pared down "in accordance with the strictest economy," except the postoffice and naval departments, Major-ity Leader Mondell told the House today, when the first urgency deficiency bill of the session was brought up. The greatest reductions will be made in the army and fortifications, estimates, he said.

## PACKERS' TRUST MAY BE BROKEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Dissolution of the associated grocery interests, the so-called "Big Five" packers, would not seriously affect any of them, said Louis P. Swift today, discussing the report that Attorney General Palmer would announce today or tomorrow an agreement of the packers to dissolve all affiliated interests except those involved in the production of meat, poultry, butter, eggs and cheese.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Negotiations between the meat packers and the government, it became known today, have been going on for some time with the object of compromising the anti-trust prosecution, which is still in the stage of a grand jury investigation.

## NEED FOR BUYING SEASON TICKETS AT ONCE IS EXPLAINED

In spite of the bitter weather of the past week the work of selling season tickets for the Musical Study club's series of concerts has gone on. The weather however, has prevented the ladies having the work in charge from calling upon all who are interested.

It is earnestly desired that all those who are expecting to purchase season tickets and have not yet done so should go to Shepherd's Piano depot and get their tickets at once without waiting for the solicitors.

On Monday, December 22, and Tuesday 23, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. each day, all holders of season tickets may reserve their seats for the series of three concerts by presenting their tickets at Shepherd's Piano depot and having their selection of seats entered thereon. It is hoped that all season ticket holders will promptly make their reservation of seats.

It is very necessary that all season ticket reservations be made on the two days allotted, and particularly necessary that the tickets be presented when making reservations. No reservations of seats can be made unless season tickets are presented at the time of making reservation.

The Musical Study club have undertaken this work without hope of profit and entirely as a benefit to the public.

A misunderstanding seems to be prevalent that the price asked for season tickets is high. It should be remembered that a season ticket entitles the holder to a reserved seat at three of the highest grade concerts—the same attractions that are given in all the largest cities of the country.

The cost of each concert to the holder of a five dollar season ticket is just \$1.51 the remainder being government war tax. The cost of the four dollar season ticket is \$1.21 per concert the remainder being war tax.

The truth is that the people of Klamath Falls are perhaps paying considerably less than they would have to pay for the same in San Francisco.

Pockets grow smaller as it costs more to keep them filled.

## RABBIT POISON CAMPAIGN IS WELL ORGANIZED

Monroe Lytle, who is leader of the rabbit extermination campaign in the farm bureau district comprising Dairy, Bonanza and Hildebrand, reports continued progress in their campaign. Although Tuesday night was not an ideal night for poisoning, he reports 80 dead rabbits around one small poison corral, where about two quarts of poisoned oats had been put out. Some poisoned oats were also put along the trails in the brush and he reports finding dead rabbits scattered through the brush in every direction.

Mr. Lytle held a meeting with men from the Hildebrand and Dairy precincts at Dairy yesterday. Fifty ounces of strychnine were distributed among men who will mix the poison for these precincts. When the poison campaign was first talked of many felt doubtful of results. With the snow covering up the feed as at present this is an ideal time for poisoning the rabbits. One precaution should be observed, however, and that is a cloudy or windy night is a poor time to poison rabbits. The best results will be obtained on a still, clear night.

The rabbit poisoning campaign, which is being carried on by the farm bureau with James M. Ezell as county leader, has the following community leaders at work: District No. 1, comprising Lorella, Langell valley and Barnes valley, M. T. Prince; District No. 2, comprising Dairy, Bonanza and Hildebrand, M. J. Lytle; District No. 4, comprising Pine Grove and Olene, Roy Kinsman; District No. 5, comprising Mt. Laki, Spring Lake, Fairview and Henley, S. P. Dehlinger; District No. 6, comprising Keno, Worden, Plevna and Round Lake, C. G. Hunt; District No. 7, comprising Merrill, White Lake, Lone Pine and Gale, August Andrieu; District No. 8, comprising Malin and Shasta View, Chas. B. Bailey; District No. 10, Poe valley, Lassen Ross. These men handle the matter for their respective districts by appointing a sufficient number of helpers to cover the territory.

Through the U. S. Biological survey, strychnine is purchased at a considerable saving. The county court has also made available the money from the rabbit bounty fund to duplicate purchases of strychnine made through the farm bureau committee in the organized campaign. Two hundred and forty ounces of strychnine have already been distributed. One ounce of strychnine is sufficient for 12 quarts of grain. One quart of poisoned oats is sufficient for 25 to 30 baits. On this basis enough strychnine has already been distributed to kill 80,000 rabbits.

Campaigns in this state against rabbits are being carried on by the farm bureau in Umatilla, Morrow, Deschutes and Malheur counties.

## WEATHER REPORT OREGON: Tonight and Friday, rain in the west, rain or snow in the east; warmer tonight with strong southeasterly winds.

## KLAMATH FALLS STUDENTS PLAN X-MAS VISITS

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 18.—Klamath Falls people at the University of Oregon are for the most part planning to spend the holidays with friends and relatives living within a reasonable distance of Eugene.

Marjorie Delzell will visit her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. White, of Marshfield, Oregon. Audrey Roberts and Maybelle Leavitt have accepted invitations to spend their holidays there also. Clara Calkins will be the guest of Elvira Thurlow at her home in Portland.

John Houston will go to Albany immediately upon the close of school this term, where he will be the guest of B. F. Townsend. He will leave there December 23 to attend the Student Volunteer campaign at Des Moines, Iowa. He wishes it to be known to the Klamath Falls people who so generously contributed to the fund for the financing of this Student Volunteer campaign trip, and for which the university deeply appreciates, that the student body itself raised \$125 on the play which it recently put on, "The Prince of Liars." It may be well to mention here that "Johnny" was considered the star of the play. The following is a quotation from the campus paper, the "Oregon Herald," which gives an idea of his success:

"John Houston, interpreting his lines like a professional, moving everywhere with the easiness of a John Barrymore, combined with the agility of a Fred Stone, was easily the star. Houston's actions always lacked the stiffness which commonly marks the movements of an amateur. His intonations and facial expressions—details which make or ruin a part—were always adequate."

Ella Dews, formerly of Klamath Falls, who was graduated from the university June, 1919, will spend Christmas holidays with her brother and his family in Ashland. Since September, Miss Dews has been the physical training director of the public schools at Bend, Oregon, where she has achieved decided success in her work. En route to Ashland she will spend a few days in Eugene visiting her friends there.

Judge and Mrs. A. L. Leavitt spent last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Eugene visiting their daughter, at the Pi Beta Phi house. Judge Leavitt had been in Portland attending to business affairs.

The visit was quite a surprise to "Bab," who did not know her parents were even contemplating leaving Klamath Falls. Their visit afforded great pleasure to the other Klamath Falls girls and also all the rest who had the pleasure of meeting them.

WASHINGTON BANKER DEAD WALLA WALLA, Dec. 18.—Miles C. Moore, last territorial governor of Washington, banker and president of the board of trustees of Whitman college, died at a local hospital today. He was 75 years old and was taken ill two weeks ago.

## COYOTE HAD RABIES, SAYS HEALTH BOARD

D. Ellis Young has received notification from the state board of health at Portland that the head of a coyote sent for analysis two weeks ago showed the presence of negri bodies in the brain, a conclusive proof that the animal was rabid.

The coyote ran amuck in the Young sheep corral in the Nuss Lake district one morning, wounding a dozen sheep and the two ranch dogs. It was dispatched with a shotgun by the rancher, who suspected rabies and sent the head to Portland for examination.

Asserting that \$74.42 is not sufficient compensation for the loss of an eye, even if the eye was not so good as some eyes, Theodore Sides, victim of an industrial accident which deprived him of the use of the optic member, has filed an appeal from the award of the State Industrial accident commission in the circuit court.

The commission, it is said, because they held that the injured eye was defective before the accident, allowed Sides no compensation except the actual expenses caused by his misfortune, which they estimated at \$74.42.

This is the first case of the kind filed in the Klamath county circuit court. The law empowers the court to review the facts submitted to the commission and the legality of procedure, before a jury is demanded. The court's, or jury's, findings will be cited to the commission and it may either act in accordance with them or if the recommendations constitute a reversal, appeal to the supreme court.

## SEVEN FINED FOR PEACE DISTURBANCE

Seven persons, one a woman, were fined or given jail sentences by Police Judge Leavitt this afternoon as the result of a free-for-all fight, which the police said took place at the Star rooming house on Main street last night. The participants pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace charges.

John Teng paid a fine of \$5. Joe Dervin drew two days in jail without alternative. Charles O'Brien, Joe Wilson, Oliver Jefferson and R. H. Bryant were fined \$10 each, with ten days in jail extra, the jail sentence to be suspended on provision that the quartet take the first train out. Mrs. R. H. Bryant was fined \$5 and given five days in jail, with the jail sentence suspended on condition that she leave town with her husband.

The scrap was said by the police to have been strenuous while it lasted. Search of the combatants' rooms unearthed empty bottles which had contained bay rum and various other decoctions with an alcoholic basis.

## SOLID PROTEST AGAINST LEASE ON UPPER LAKE

Entire Delegation, in Conference With Lane, Urges That Department Refuse to Enter 30-Year Contract for Reclamation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—With the exception of Senator Chamberlain who left Monday for Chicago on a speech-making trip, the Oregon delegation in Congress held a conference with Franklin K. Lane yesterday, urging that the department of the interior enter no contract with Doak & Brown, San Francisco contractors, to reclaim 10,000 acres of marsh lands on the Upper Klamath Lake.

Utilization of the land as a soldier settlement project was advocated by the Oregon legislators, instead of tying it up under a thirty year lease to the private corporation.

Both the state organization of the American Legion and the Klamath Falls post are strongly objecting to the lease plan. In voicing the opposition to the lease, Representative N. J. Sinnott said:

"We urge that the contemplated lease contract is in violation of the act by which the land was ceded by the state of Oregon to the federal government. This land was ceded to the United States for a general reclamation project, with the proviso that no individual should receive more than 160 acres. The contract which the department is proposing to execute with Doak & Brown is absolutely contrary to this provision of the act by which the federal government acquired title to the swamp lands."

## MAY RESUME PEACE TREATY FIGHT SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Possibility that the Senate peace treaty fight may be resumed actively before the holiday recess, developed today, when a meeting of the Foreign Relations committee was called for Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was unannounced, but leaders indicated that an effort will be made to get committee action on the Knox resolution to declare a state of peace existent with Germany.

## WANTS QUIET TITLE.

Max L. Thorn has started suit in the circuit court against Quincy A. Brooks, deceased, Lizzie Brooks and others who claim adverse title to plaintiff in south half of lots 9 and 10, block 84, Klamath addition, to quiet plaintiff's title to the property.

## ELKS TO ENTER CHAMP CONTEST

The Elks bowling tournament, just concluded, roused so much interest in the sport and developed such prowess, that the lodge has decided to enter two teams in the telegraphic tournament of the Pacific Coast Championship league, in which 150 teams from five Pacific Coast states will compete by wire on January 11.

The various teams will play on their own alleys and the highest teams in the general score will be selected to meet in the tournament, which will be held some time in May in one of the large cities of the coast.

Five men will compose each of the teams. The local teams will probably be: Hayden, Jester, Van Bellon, Ackley and Will Houston on one, and Ambrose, Hoagland, Smith, Leo Houston and Lennox on the other.

Before the date of the tournament the local alleys and equipment will be officially inspected and referees appointed, so that the match will conform to the general regulations and the scores made will be official.

ONLY 5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

